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SUBJECT: NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE ON SETTLEMENTS

1. RE STERNER TELECON WITH AMBASSADOR LEWIS THIS MORNING, FOLLOWING ARE REQUESTED EXCERPTS FROM ARTICLE APPEARING PAGE 3 NEW YORK TIMES JANUARY 31, ENTITLED "ISRAEL IS SAID TO HAVE ALTERED DAYAN PLEDGE TO CARTER ON SETTLEMENTS."

2. ARTICLE BEGINS BY REPORTING THAT: "PRESIDENT CARTER WAS ASSURED LAST SEPTEMBER BY FOREIGN MINISTER MOSHE DAYAN OF ISRAEL THAT NO NEW ISRAELI CIVILIAN SETTLEMENTS WOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORY FOR A YEAR, SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SAID TODAY.

LATER, TO THE IRRITATION OF POLICY MAKERS AT THE WHITE HOUSE, ISRAEL REDEFINED THIS COMMITMENT TO APPLY JUST TO THE YEAR 1977, OR FOR ONLY FOUR MONTHS AFTER IT WAS FIRST GIVEN.

THE RESULT WAS TO LEAVE WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS DISMAYED AND UNCERTAIN ABOUT ISRAEL'S REAL INTENTIONS ON FUTURE SETTLE-

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MENTS, WHICH THE UNITED STATES REGARDS AS ILLEGAL AND DISRUPTIVE TO THE CURRENT EFFORTS TO GET ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN PEACE TALKS BACK ON TRACK."

3. ARTICLE THEN REPORTS PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS THIS SUBJECT

IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE JANUARY 30 AND ALSO QUOTES FROM

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO BEGIN AS REVEALED BY RESTON  
ARTICLE NEW YORK TIMES JANUARY 30.

4. "EXPLAINING THE BACKGROUND OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO MR. BEGIN LAST WEEK, WELL-PLACED OFFICIALS SAID THAT MR. CARTER HAD BEEN DISMAYED LAST JULY WHEN MR. BEGIN RETURNED HOME FROM A VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND PROMPTLY LEGALIZED THREE PREVIOUSLY UNAUTHORIZED SETTLEMENTS ON THE WEST BANK.

WHEN FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN MET WITH MR. CARTER IN SEPTEMBER, THE OFFICIALS SAID, HE BROUGHT AN ISRAELI PLEDGE THAT NO NEW CIVILIAN SETTLEMENTS WOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR A YEAR. NEW SETTLERS MIGHT BE ADDED TO EXISTING SETTLEMENTS, HE REPORTEDLY SAID, AND SOME CIVILIAN SETTLERS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO MOVE INTO EIGHT DESIGNATED MILITARY CAMPS ON THE WEST BANK UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE ARMY, BUT NO NEW CIVILIAN SETTLEMENTS WOULD BE CREATED, BECAUSE OF CONCERN FOR THE IMPACT THEY MIGHT HAVE ON PEACE TALKS."

5. ARTICLE GOES ON TO QUOTE "AN ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL:"  
"WE REALIZE THAT BEGIN HAS POLITICAL PROBLEMS WITH THE RIGHT WING IN HIS COUNTRY, BUT GOING AHEAD WITH A NEW SETTLEMENT NOW, AUTHORIZED OR UNAUTHORIZED, CAN ONLY COMPLICATE THE PEACE-MAKING EFFORT." VANCE

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